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Louisiana 2005 Crop Acreage and Production

Early season indications looked promising for several of Louisiana's crops, but only rice and sorghum set record yields in 2005. Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, along with the drought, held other crops to good – not spectacular – yields. The state will have to wait to learn all of the effects of Katrina and Rita, especially the effect of the salt water on sugarcane and rice in 2006 and future years.

Cotton production is estimated at 1,120,000 bales, up 27 percent from 2004. The state planted and harvested acreage estimates for 2005 were 610,000 acres and 600,000 acres, respectively, both up 22 percent from 2004. Yield per acre was 896 pounds, up 29 pounds from 2004.

Production of **sorghum for grain** is estimated at 8.7 million bushels, compared to 5.2 million in 2004. Total planted acreage was estimated at 90,000 acres, of which 88,000 acres were harvested for grain. Yield per acre, at 99.0 bushels, was up 34 bushels from 2004. This is the highest yield ever recorded in Louisiana.

All rice production is estimated at 30.98 million cwt, up 8 percent from 2004. Production of long grain varieties is estimated at 30.39 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties is estimated at 598,000 cwt. The planted acreage estimate for rice was 530,000 acres, 8,000 acres fewer than 2004. An estimated 525,000 acres of rice were harvested, down 2 percent from 2004. The statewide yield averaged 5,900 pounds per acre, the highest yield on record for Louisiana. Record keeping for rice yield began in 1895.

Soybean production is estimated at 28.9 million bushels, down 12 percent from 2004. Total planted acreage was 880,000 acres, down 20 percent from 2004. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 850,000 acres, down 140,000 acres from last year. Yield was 34 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from 2004, tying the record yield achieved in the state in 2003.

Production of **corn for grain** is estimated at 44.9 million bushels, down 19 percent from 2004. Total planted acreage was estimated at 340,000 acres, down 19 percent from 2004. An estimated 330,000 acres were harvested for grain, down 20 percent from 2004. Yield per acre, at 136 bushels, was up 1 bushel from last year.

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed is estimated at 10.47 million net tons, down 5 percent from 2004. An estimated 455,000 acres were harvested, down 2 percent from 2004. Net yield, estimated at 23.0 tons per acre, is the lowest since 1993's 22.8 net tons per acre.

Sweet potato production is estimated at 2.47 million cwt, up 6 percent from 2004. An estimated 18,000 acres were planted in 2005, up 13 percent from 2004. Harvested acreage was estimated at 17,000 acres, up 10 percent from last year. The statewide yield averaged 145 cwt per acre, down 5 cwt from last year's yield.

All hay production in 2005 is estimated at 805,000 tons, down 27 percent from last year and the lowest production since 2000. An estimated 350,000 acres were harvested in 2005, down 20,000 acres from the previous year. Yield was 2.3 tons per acre, down 0.7 ton from last year's record yield.

Louisiana: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2005, with Comparisons

Commodity	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Unit		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	Yield	Prod.	2004	2005
	-----Thousand Acres-----		-----Units-----				-----Thousand Units-----	
Corn, Grain	410	330	135	136	bushels	bushels	55,350	44,880
Corn, Silage	5	5	12.0	18.0	tons	tons	60	90
Cotton, Lint, All	490	600	867	896	pounds	bales ¹	885	1,120
Cottonseed ²	---	---	---	---	tons	tons	295.0	393.0
Hay, All (baled)	370	350	3.0	2.3	tons	tons	1,110	805
Rice, Long Grain	520	515	5,400	5,900	pounds	cwt	28,080	30,385
Rice, Medium	13	10	5,000	5,980	pounds	cwt	650	598
Rice, All	533	525	5,390	5,900	pounds	cwt	28,730	30,983
Sorghum, Grain	80	88	65	99	bushels	bushels	5,200	8,712
Sorghum, Silage	1	---	10.0	---	tons	tons	10	---
Soybeans	990	850	33	34	bushels	bushels	32,670	28,900
Sugarcane, All ³	465	455	23.8	23.0	net tons	net tons	11,067	10,465
Sweet Potatoes	15.5	17.0	150	145	cwt	cwt	2,325	2,465
Wheat, Winter	165	100	50.0	48.0	bushels	bushels	8,250	4,800

¹ 480-pound net weight bale.

² Estimates based on 3-year average lint-seed ratio.

³ Harvested for sugar and seed.

United States: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2005, with Comparisons

Commodity	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Unit		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	Yield	Prod.	2004	2005
	-----Thousand Acres-----		-----Units-----				-----Thousand Units-----	
Corn, Grain	73,631	75,107	160.4	147.9	bushels	bushels	11,807,086	11,112,072
Corn, Silage	6,101	5,920	17.6	18.0	tons	tons	107,293	106,311
Cotton, Lint, All	12,809	13,434.0	843	824	pounds	bales ¹	22,505	23,064
Cottonseed ²	---	---	---	---	tons	tons	8,242	8,501
Hay, All (baled)	61,966	61,649	2.55	2.44	tons	tons	158,247	150,590
Rice, Long Grain	2,571	2,734	6,630	6,493	pounds	cwt	170,445	177,527
Rice, Medium	705	575	8,325	7,375	pounds	cwt	58,689	42,408
Rice, All	3,325	3,364	6,988	6,636	pounds	cwt	232,362	223,235
Sorghum, Grain	6,517	5,736	69.6	68.7	bushels	bushels	453,654	393,893
Sorghum, Silage	352	311	13.6	13.6	tons	tons	4,776	4,218
Soybeans	73,958	71,361	42.2	43.3	bushels	bushels	3,123,686	3,086,432
Sugarcane, All ³	938.2	922.9	30.9	30.2	net tons	net tons	29,013	27,897
Sweet Potatoes	92.8	87.8	174	179	cwt	cwt	16,112	15,747
Wheat, Winter	34,462	33,794	43.5	44.4	bushels	bushels	1,499,434	1,499,129

¹ 480-pound net weight bale.

² Estimates based on 3-year average lint-seed ratio.

³ Harvested for sugar and seed.

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Corn stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2005, at 20.77 million bushels, were virtually unchanged from last year's 20.81 million bushels. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

Soybean stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2005, at 12.0 million bushels, were 13 percent above last year's 10.7 million bushels. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

All wheat stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2005, at 6.3 million bushels, were 36 percent below the 9.8 million bushels stored a year ago. On-farm stocks are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

Louisiana Rice Stocks

Rough rice stocks reported in all positions on December 1, 2005, totaled 18.89 million cwt, up 8 percent from last year. On-farm stocks of rice were estimated at 9.0 million cwt, compared to 8.5 million the previous year. Off-farm stocks totaled 9.89 million cwt, up 9 percent from last year.

Louisiana and U.S. Grain Stocks, December 1, 2005

Item	Louisiana ¹		United States	
	December 1		December 1	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Corn	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
On-Farm			6,144,000	6,325,000
Off-Farm ²	<u>20,809</u>	<u>20,772</u>	<u>3,308,488</u>	<u>3,487,835</u>
Total			9,452,488	9,812,835
Soybeans				
On-Farm			1,300,000	1,345,000
Off-Farm ²	<u>10,695</u>	<u>12,033</u>	<u>1,004,640</u>	<u>1,157,389</u>
Total			2,304,640	2,502,389
All-Wheat				
On-Farm			531,020	513,000
Off-Farm ²	<u>9,810</u>	<u>6,316</u>	<u>899,306</u>	<u>916,531</u>
Total			1,430,326	1,429,531

¹ Louisiana on farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Louisiana Rice Stocks

Date	On Farm	Off Farm ¹	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)		
	<u>Rough Rice</u>		
December 1, 2004	8,500	9,081	17,581
March 1, 2005	2/	2/	10,127
August 1, 2005	2/	2/	2,454
December 1, 2005	9,000	9,890	18,890

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports and in transit.

² Included in unallocated to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States Rice Stocks

Date	On Farm	Off Farm ¹	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)		
	<u>Rough Rice</u>		
December 1, 2004	57,545	109,151	166,696
March 1, 2005	37,590	81,193	118,783
August 1, 2005	2,815	28,822	31,637
December 1, 2005	58,630	101,518	160,148
	<u>Milled Rice</u>		
December 1, 2004	---	4,641	4,641
March 1, 2005	---	5,419	5,419
August 1, 2005	---	4,300	4,300
December 1, 2005	---	5,940	5,940

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports and in transit.

Winter Wheat Seedings

Louisiana farmers planted an estimated 110,000 acres of Winter Wheat for 2006, the same as in 2005. United States winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2006 is estimated at 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from 2005. Seeding began last August and was behind the 5-year average pace because of a lack of moisture in the southern Great Plains during September and much of October. Precipitation during mid-October relieved moisture concerns somewhat in major producing areas and allowed seeding to advance ahead of the 5-year average during the latter part of the month as mild and dry weather conditions prevailed.

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Selected States	Area Planted			
	2004	2005	2006	2005/2006
	-----1,000 Acres-----			Percent
Arkansas	670	220	370	168
Kansas	10,000	10,000	10,200	102
Louisiana	180	110	110	100
Mississippi	160	70	60	86
Texas	6,300	5,500	5,800	105
United States	43,350	40,433	41,367	102

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